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"Human beings, unfortunately, tend to respond to negative incentives -- such as dismissal." John P. Young

Home Isn't a Word, It's What's Inside of Me

~ Larry Benton

by HOME, Imani verch Madog, Black Kitty, Hali Gator

On Monday, February 12th, the city of Olympia evicted a homeless community from a shelter that had become a last refuge. The shelter, lovingly called "Attica" by those who slept and volunteered there (called "the Cold & Hungry Coalition Shelter" by those on the outside) was given away to sad history by the city of Olympia, citing building code violations. In our inspection the noted violations seemed minor, petty, slight – basically a heartless *in* to a heartless "OUT".

Clearly, the shelter walls provided a better option for survival through 20-degree nights than no walls at all. The paper notices, posted with a 12 gauge staple gun to outside walls, read: "CITY OF OLYMPIA / **DANGER** / This Building Unsafe for Human Occupancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRESPASS, OCCUPY, OR RESIDE IN THIS BUILDING...UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE, COVER OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE." A more detailed City of Olympia Post, citing specific legal violations of the Uniform Housing Code, including "**Improper Occupancy**", was covered by plastic to protect it from the rain.

The shelter space, a finished room above a garage and a secondary main-floor space was opened by homeless advocates, identified with the Cold & Hungry Coalition, as of the first week of December. The space is located behind the Bread & Roses House of Hospitality.

What the cold and hungry of the Cold & Hungry Coalition had to work with wasn't much at all, but apparently it was still enough to be taken away. Hard to imagine the city of Olympia could get much lower on the scale of humanity than evicting homeless people from a shelter. The situation did get more despicable, however, when Olympia's City Manager, Richard Cushing, placidly defended the city's actions in claiming 'the city had not actually evicted the homeless from their shelter, they had only threatened them with arrest should they attempt to inhabit the building'. (On close observance, it actually appeared as though the city manager might throw up on himself when defining that difference, but, despite turning a mysterious shade of blue-gray in the gills, he managed to fight back that human urge.) Those in attendance were as equally amazed, as they were appalled.

The eviction -- and we will call it that -- served as an example of the contempt by the city for the homeless. "Olympia doesn't like homeless people in 'their' town, that's (what this is about)", said Larry Benton, a member of Homeless Organizing Mobilizing Educating, HOME, an organization comprised of homeless constituents of Cold & Hungry. HOME was formed to address problems in the current shelter network

The Homeless Community's Agenda

This agenda is being made by and for the Olympia homeless community to address problems we see in the current shelter network and in overall treatment and repression of the homeless community, even by those acting as advocates. Consider this a first step to reclaiming our own voice and demanding control of our own shelters, organizations, and futures in this community.

- **We want fair representation of the homeless by the homeless.**
- **Those involved in decision making need to be those effected by the decisions being made to escape the cycle of dishonesty and miscommunication.**
- **We deserve and demand a choice in the shelter where we sleep tonight and every night. We deserve a comfortable, non-intrusive and inclusive atmosphere.**
- **We are not second class citizens and will no longer be treated as such by any one including self appointed leaders.**
- **We believe every human has a right to shelter, food, and medicine and we should not have to exchange our dignity for these things.**
- **We will no longer be disempowered. We have found our voice and will use it and we will use any means necessary to receive the respect we deserve.**
- **We demand accessible shelters. We all deserve a respectful atmosphere and we will not tolerate discrimination of those with physical and mental disabilities.**
- **We deserve working alternatives to services set up that are not adequately providing for the homeless community. We deserve easily accessible resources and consideration by services already operating.**
- **Anyone who wants to provide shelter, including the homeless themselves organizing to meet their own needs should be free to do so with out interference from the state and other ineffective systems.**
- **We deserve honest representation of our struggle in the media. We will create our own, extremely public campaign to make this a reality.**
- **We demand stable shelter regardless of weather. We are not only at risk when it is below 35 degrees. Our very existence is a risk in our current situation. This is not just a climate issue. It is a safety, medical and survival issue.**

As a final note, we are not asking for these things. We are claiming what is rightfully ours.

Courtesy of H.O.M.E. (Homeless Organizing Mobilizing Educating)

Lacey Police Officers Operate With Free Reign

Pat Tassoni

Meeting the Lacey Police

Ask most white women and they'll tell you they have had little interaction with police officers. They rarely attract negative attention. This had certainly been Jody Tillman's experience. A mother of three, she had had no experience with law enforcement officers, but that was before her two boys became teenagers. Since then, her life has changed. In standing up for the rights and safety of her children, she has become active in pushing for more police accountability and speaking out for the rights of those who attract the attention of the Lacey police officers.

Jody went to the Lacey Police Department to file her first formal complaint, but she was told by the department that they don't have a form to do so.

In 1995, Lacey Police cars swooped down on her oldest son, Aaron, without warning as he walked along the road. Police officers jumped on him, mashing his face into the ground and embedding small rocks into his cheek. The pretext for their actions was mistaken as they abruptly left him, lying there bleeding without a word of apology. Jody complained by telephone to the Lacey Police Department, but filed no formal complaint. She received no apology or nor was there follow-up by the department.

Later that year, Lacey police introduced themselves to her youngest son, Justin. He was walking home from school through a public park when Lacey police officers stopped him to talk. They began then to take Justin's picture and his friends' as well. The officers made them show their tattoos and had them take off their shirts and turn side-ways for profile pictures. Whenever Justin refused, he was threatened with arrest, and he was physically detained when he tried to leave. When Jody learned of the incident, she took Justin down to the department to demand the photos. The police would not surrender the pictures of her child, but assured her they would take it out of their "gang file". The police have offered no proof that they have done so to this day. Jody again filed no formal complaint and has received no apology or follow-up from the department. Officers went further to threaten her with arrest if she began to take their or fellow officer's pictures for her records. [It is legal to take pictures and video of police in public places].

WIP reported on such drive-by photos in April 1994 where the writer commented on the Lacey police's tactic of photographing kids and their tattoos all over their bodies, and then went on to say: "A young adult man to whom I spoke last fall shared a story of what kids are going through in this community. . .when attending a workshop on gangs by the police department, he looked up at the slide show to see his face on the screen. . ." Both of Jody's kids have had repeated contact with the Lacey police that they consider to be harassment.

In the same issue of WIP it was reported that Seattle had been confronting this issue through Mothers Against Police Harassment: "Those photos are going into gang-identification files. Once a young person is branded a gang member with the photo, almost any behavior by police is justified, based on the 'known dangerousness' of gang members." MAPH chair Harriett Walden filed a complaint when she observed photos taken, the Seattle East Precinct reportedly suspended the practice. Furthermore, she states "it is believed that all citizens have the right to refuse to have their photos taken, unless they are being booked."

Jody believes her kids were (and are) subjected to typical treatment from the Lacey Police as other kids are, adding "young people of color are targets for the police, and they label kids 'gang' [as an

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March 5 - Planning/participant meeting for the Hunger Clean-Up, a national one-day service work-a-thon to raise money for hunger organizations. If you are interested in participating please come to the meeting at 4 pm on the Evergreen State College campus in the rotunda(center) of the Lecture Hall.

March 5-9 - *Alaska Wilderness Education Week:* A variety of free educational events to take place at the Evergreen State College.

March 15 - The tentative date to release a report outlining BP's human rights violations. BP, who now call themselves Beyond Petroleum, are leading the way to open up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil drilling.

April 7 - The Hunger Clean-up, a one-day service work-a-thon to raise money for Hunger organizations, both locally, nationally, and internationally. Students and community members will participate in service events ranging from community gardens to trail clean-ups to shelter visits. Through your sponsorship, money for the hunger organizations is raised.

Update: KAOS and Pacifica

Many people in the Olympia-area have now heard about the latest Pacifica-Radio travesties, this time being visited on flagship-station WBAI, a long-time radical voice in New York City. The "Christmas Coup" replaced a twenty-year station manager at 1:30 AM, a day before Christmas. Next came the firings of long-time staff and the banishment of veteran volunteers. Naturally, this was followed by the changing of the locks and the installation of armed guards.

Most recently, award-winning journalist Amy Goodman was fired from the WBAI Morning show, which precedes Democracy Now (heard locally on KAOS). This morning (2-14-01), Goodman was threatened and bullied in the air-studio, and then had the mike cut off in mid-sentence by the "new" Pacifica/WBAI Management. It was not heard locally because this incident was CENSORED OUT of our local Democracy Now broadcast by Pacifica.

These outrages, done in the name of "audience-building" and "professionalization", have not to my knowledge been commented upon, or acted upon, by the KAOS Management-Team. Rather, KAOS Management has repeatedly declared its allegiance to the same dubious principles as those of Pacifica Management. In fact, I myself was bullied in a manner similar to Amy Goodman before being "terminated" from KAOS for standing up for the same issues. I am sad to report that I recieved no redress of grievance from the Evergreen Administration.

Amy Goodman has been threatened and berated on WBAI-air plenty of mornings this year. She has had to endure a tense and hostile work-environment in which she was repeatedly told by Man-

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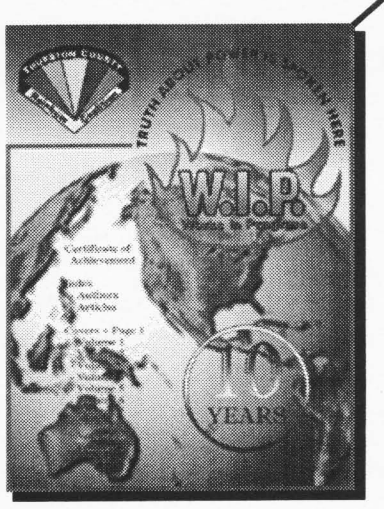

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The Wonderful LOTT/Miller Agreement

→ To purchase Miller's sewer access, LOTT has agreed to pay 8 million and excuse Miller's debt to LOTT: 5.6 million negotiated down to 2.56 million.

→ Miller will continue paying its reduced monthly rate of approximately 50 percent. The difference will continue to be covered by all other ratepayers.

→ Miller will build a wastewater treatment plant to handle its sewage from the production of beer. (Miller's projected cost for building this plant is 13 million while LOTT estimates it would cost 28 million to build a waste treatment plant for Miller's current capacity.)

→ Ninety percent of the 8 million will be paid by connection fees on new homes and the other ten percent will be paid by ratepayers.

→ Fortunately, the brewery leaving LOTT will allow 8,900 more homes to be built in Tumwater, Olympia and Lacey...well, mainly in Lacey. (Lacey was not allowed to vote on this agreement.)

→ LOTT charges about $3,000 for every new home hook-up. Over the next 20 years, it will go up to $4,200. The gradual rate increase was initially intended to keep up with inflation, however, if Miller returns its treatment capacity faster than new homes are built...

→ There is no penalty in the contract if Miller does not keep its part of the deal to build the plant, and the Miller Brewing Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Philip Morris, will not commit to a certain amount of production or jobs.

→→ "You can't buy this stuff on the open market" according to LOTT official Mike Sharar.

→→→ But hey, you *can* sell it in Thurston County.

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"I'm a little bit disappointed after what Miller has done for this community that there would still be questions of Miller's commitment to the community..." Denise Quinn, Philip Morris' Miller Brewery plant manager				**1** **1999**: Gideon Israel begins 9-month sentence; half of proceeds from of sale of his 42 acres will go to the Thurston Narcotics Task Force	**2** **2000**: The Washington State House passes an amended version of a Senate bill that would place graduated restrictions on teenage drivers	**3** **1998**: Pentagon denounces report that 400,000 troops had been exposed to depleted uranium in the Persian Gulf War
4 **1999**: Military jury acquits pilot of flying recklessly in the Italian Alps; 20 were killed; Italians call for the ouster of US forces	**5** **1891**: City of Phoenix offers a $200 bounty for dead Indians **2000**: Boeing threatens imposed pay increases on strikers	**6** **2000**: Rupe apologizes to families; 'They didn't deserve to die.' **2000**: Striking Boeing workers refuse to return to work	**7** **1960**: Supreme Court allows NY state to build dam flooding Tuscarora lands **2000**: Bush, Gore win Super Tuesday	**8** **2000**: Les Purce is TESC's new college president **2000**: McCain and Bradley leave presidential campaign	**9** **1999**: Voters reject Intercity Transit sales tax increase proposal **2000**: The Snake River US's most endangered for second year	**10** **1906**: 1,200 miners buried in France explosion **1910**: Slavery abolished in China **2000**: Jury spares Rupe from death penalty
11 **1965**: 100 civil rights pickets march in front of White House demanding civil rights in Alabama. 12 stage sit-in protest in mansion	**12** **2000**: The Pope asks forgiveness for sins of Catholics in the past including wrongs inflicted on Jews, women and other minorities	**13** **2000**: Forensic evidence indicates that Mormons were responsible for a 1857 massacre, not Native Americans	**14** **2000**: I-695 is ruled unconstitutional **2000**: GAO reports widespread enlisted personnel families reliance on public welfare	**15** **2000**: Miller Brewing Co suspends expansion plans over disagreement on wastewater and 4 million debt to LOTT	**16** **1999**: Researchers at Duke University report they have found and enzyme that helps build blood vessels that feed the growth of tumors	**17** **1999**: Army Maj Gen David is reprimanded and fined $11,200 for sexual misconduct **2000**: Boeing, union reach deal
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25 **1998**: Locke signs bill designating woolly mammoth state fossil **2000**: Top Boeing executives share millions in bonuses for 1999	**26** **1996**: Olympia decides to widen 4th Avenue bridge to three lanes **1999**: State approves $364,626 for Thurston Co recreational trail	**27** **2000**: Locked-out Kaiser Aluminum workers camp out at Capitol **2000**: Hanford says radioactive waste may reach river in 3 years	**28** **2000**: Supreme Court rules an officer can no longer stop and frisk a pedestrian based solely on an anonymous tip	**29** **2000**: Corrections officers' union file their third grievance regarding the overcrowding in Thurston County Jail cells	**30** **1893**: Kickapoo treaty approved by Congress will eventually be revealed to have signatures of the dead and fictitious names	**31** **1999**: Environmentalists file lawsuit in Oregon claiming that Snake River dams warm water threatening salmon

Who's An American ?

by Frank Hoffman

The acceptance of "Family Values" is used to define, for some, who are the bona fide, "real", Americans. It's a kind of test. If you think the use of family values, as defined in most Christian churches to define behavior that is acceptable, is inappropriate to judge the behavior of your friends - you just flunked the test. It's like saying the 10 commandments have no meaning for contemporary Westerners, that is, for your friends. Bill Clinton set fire to this family values banner. Most Americans forgave the man, but not the leader.

My friends, who include a man who likes to fuck things up; an aging, flat footed woman who doesn't think I'm cute; a society finch and a dying cactus plant - are by this family values definition, not real Americans.

My friends and I, for example, tend to see families as bound together by something like love, affection, loyalty and the willingness to ignore body odor. Not the words of a preacher.

Now this would not be too important to my friends and I, except that the new president, the old one's sort of cross eyed son, does think that real Americans will have their butts on a Protestant church pew on a Sunday - or failing that, on a church pew of their choice - and he's got the ability to either force you to put your butt in the right place on Sunday, or to make your life difficult. (Ok, if you can't make it to church, you better be watching football.)

These are the basic values, the basic reasoning, a country uses to decide who's deserving of a country's blessings and who deserves to get shot by that country's government. The commonly accepted definitions of appropriate behavior - what it's ok to do and what is not - and the behavior that is required. Some of these definitions are being relaxed over time, but people are still being killed because of them.

This means there is a line where tolerance ends. If you don't work, you starve. If you're scary, you're in jail. You mess with our oil, you get bombed. You charge a police line, W. will send in the Army Reserves.

People need to feel safe. Street crime is scary. The prospect of not having electricity, of sitting in the dark, is scary. Not having affordable gas for the car is scary. Not having enough clean water is scary. People will insist, when it comes down to it, that government keep things safe. To protect the real Americans.

What happens, then, to my dying cactus plant, if it's not real American? It either gets tossed right away, or it just doesn't get watered.

Who creates these American values? Who or what is authentic in this basic, cultural sense? The values that move the most, eventually move everybody. If you are left behind, it's not by accident.

This includes children. The United States has child poverty rates significantly higher than Europe. Millions of American children are poor.

And if the parents don't work, the government will not help the children.

That's the meaning of the 1996 welfare reform law.

Who defines the meaning of work? (A characteristic of these basic values and how they work among people, it seems to this cactus plant, is that if you are not certain of the right definitions and the right practice, you may not be a real American. Then, whoa, better watch out! He or she ain't one of us!)

Parenting is pretty basic to a society. If it's not done, or not done well, the society sees the results in schools and on the streets - it's only a question of time. Schools and the justice system get overwhelmed. And people get afraid, because they don't feel safe, because things seem out of control.

Maybe it's a coincidence that men do not do most of the parenting and that parenting is not really valued. Work is defined by these value makers as something done outside your home for wages. If parenting were really valued, wouldn't things be structured around it? Like work, leisure and education? For example, work outside the home would only be necessary for one parent, and if there is only one parent because of divorce, say, then that parent's work would be to raise the child. The hours and structure of public education would involve both parents in terms of hours and structure. Most leisure would involve interactions of adults with children.

Consistent behavior that honors the most people may create values that also honor the most people. Perhaps this leads the way to justice. Ignoring "family values" or flaunting them as if they do not exist, does not change them or displace them or lessen their impact on our daily lives.

Nor does it help that the hypocrisy and meanness of value makers is often hidden from us or denied. ◆

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Up Front

Bush: Sins of the Son

Jerome Johnson

President Geo. Bush made his foreign policy debut today—the bombing of suburban Baghdad.

This came as no surprise, in itself—when he was selected, I knew he'd resume fighting his father's war. After all, despite his self-righteous rhetoric about democracies and peaceful transitions of power, George Sr. never got over the fact that he had to leave office as Saddam Hussein cheerfully waved goodbye to him from his palace.

Saddam's continued prosperity since then has only added insult to injury, as far as the Bush clan (and many Americans) are concerned.

I think one of the big reasons that W. is president today is because of the unspoken promise of Bush venegeance, and they know that many Americans get a kick out of bombing Iraq just because we can—unlike the other American-made "Boogeyman" of the Middle East, Osama bin Laden.

The promise became a guarantee as the old Desert Stormers—Dick Cheney, Colin Powell, Richard Armitage, JCS Gen. Shelton, Condoleeza Rice et. al.—reconvened for Bush II's national security team.

Rather, what was surprising was the unusual senselessness of the raid. Granted the entire American "policy" on Iraq makes no sense, but this raid was especially unnecessary and spiteful. In a news conference with Pres. Fox of Mexico, Bush claimed that the strikes were routine. In a way, he was right—it is routine for the US and Britain to bomb Iraq. It's been done almost every day for the past decade, under the guise of patrolling the no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq.

Over the years a pattern has evolved: the US/British aircraft patrol Iraqi airspace. Rightly offended by this violation of their airspace and homeland, the Iraqis try to defend themselves by trying to shoot the aircraft down. In response, the US/British aircraft bomb the "suspected" AA/radar sites. Often, just turning on air defense radars is enough for so-called "Coalition" aircraft to send missiles streaking groundward. If civilians are killed or injured, tough luck, as far as the US/Britain are concerned; it's the Iraqis own fault for not overthrowing Saddam. What made this Feb. 16th attack surprising?

"Self-defense"? Oh, this is rich. How DARE the Iraqis build equipment to protect themselves from the imperial powers' daily attacks!

1. The fact that suburban Baghdad—not a military base—was the target. I think the attack was meant to traumatize civilians, because it was timed for evening in Baghdad, on Friday—after prayers—when people would be in the streets and moving around town.
2. Secretary of State Powell is scheduled to visit the region next week. The Middle East is already very tense due to the Palestinian uprising, the rise of the terrifying Ariel Sharon to the Israeli premiership, and the American hysteria about terrorism in the wake of the USS Cole's bombing. The Bushes knew that this senseless pinprick—which did little real damage to Iraqi air defense, certainly not enough to deter the no-fly zone patrols—would make Powell's visit even more difficult, yet it was done anyway.
3. Why target Baghdad, which isn't even in the no-fly zones? To "send a signal"? What signal—the Administration's skill at long-range bombing of cities, without warning or provocation, heedless of civilian casualties? As the media reported on the bombing, Pentagon officers held a news conference. Adm. Quigley

was sickening in his self-righteousness, claiming that "Coalition forces" (the US and Britain) "had the right to do this, because it was self-defense" from Iraqi ground fire.

Now, let me get this straight—as imperial powers, the US and Britain have the "right" to invade the airspace of another sovereign nation, which is trying to be at peace not only with the US and Britain, but everyone else? I don't excuse the heinous Iraqi regime—but the fact remains that Iraq has not committed aggression against any other nation since 1990.

We keep hearing hysterical allegations that Saddam is working on weapons of mass destruction—but even if he is, they aren't being used, so there's no reason for attacking Iraq. I guess this "right" is among other "rights" imperial powers reserve for themselves but not other countries. Reminds me of "manifest destiny."

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The saddest part of this is that Bush II's debut on the foreign stage didn't have to be this way. Why couldn't there be a peace initiative, or humanitarian aid to earthquake victims—or simply leaving people alone in peace?

* In Thailand, Thaksin Shinawatra is the new prime minister.
* In the Horn of Africa, Eritrea and Ethiopia make peace.
* In New York, Harlem warmly welcomes Bill Clinton.
* And in Tumwater, a courageous City Council mandates domestic partner benefits. ◆

(Lacey Police, continued)

excuse] to go after them." Diane Smith and Cheryl Patterson have also complained about Lacey police interaction with youth that was reported in the Olympian in October 1997. The two Lacey mothers allege that police have unfairly targeted and harassed their sons and other young people. The article said, "'They're labeling kids,' Smith said, alleging that some officers who've had run-ins with kids continue to follow them around."

The Lacey police have continued to involve themselves with Jody's kids without cause. Jody believes that Lacey officers have recently invented a case against her oldest son and his friends out of spite. [More on that next month's WIP].

Filing A Complaint

Late last year Jody went to the Lacey Police Department to file her first formal complaint, and she was told by the department that they don't have such a form. She then went to Lacey City Hall to file a complaint and was told the same thing. Jody resorted to writing her complaint on a blank sheet of paper, and only then did the administration find a complaint form for her. A short time later, an interested friend she sent to file a complaint was subjected to the same procedure. Jody quickly reappeared with others in tow to file complaints and managed to carry away with her a blank complaint form from which to make her own copies.

One of Jody's friends is African-American and has frequently been targeted by the Lacey police since moving here five years ago. Since filing her own complaint with the Lacey police, the harassment she has experienced has escalated. She has been retaliated against with the harassment escalating since she filed a complaint. She has been pulled over on pretexts (tail light out — NOT!; failing to signal — RIGHT!); her son was targeted, approached, handcuffed and released for "lying to a police officer"; and officer Miller defamed her at a neighborhood meeting, his statements resulted in her eviction.

Police Accountability

Jody wants the police's abuse of power reigned in. She would like to see the officers more skilled along the lines of diversity through sensitivity training. Jody envisions a Lacey police force that treats people fairly and she believes public involvement will hold the police accountable and stop them from profiling kids. In addition, She would like to see a separate prosecutor to handle police crimes and complaints against police. This prosecutor would take complaints directly and be charged with investigating and indicting abusive police officers. A Civilian Review Board may also work towards that end as well as watching for patterns or trends in complaints.

Clearly there is something wrong in Lacey that needs to be rectified. The Lacey City Council must examine the operation of its police department and take measures to assure the safety of all those they represent. It is recommended that Lacey study the history of police accountability in Olympia and create a Civilian Review Board in conjunction with Olympia. By working together, the cities can more effectively address issues of citizen complaints and public trust in the police.

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Organizing Against the FTAA

Ron Jacobs

The month of April will bring a good deal of activity to Burlington when anti-globalization activists from throughout the hemisphere converge south of the Canadian border in preparation for the round of Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) talks occurring in Quebec City. The Vermont Mobilization for Global Justice, a coalition that currently includes more than 15 progressive and radical groups, plans to coordinate these crucial activities on the Vermont side of the US-Canadian border. Like NAFTA and the WTO, FTAA is designed to make it easier for giant corporations to move capital, infrastructure and jobs to whatever part of the western hemisphere is most favorable to their profit margin. One can see what this means to the average person by looking at some statistics related to the aftermath of NAFTA.

If you recall, NAFTA dropped most barriers to trade between Canada, the United States and Mexico. The results of this treaty are in the numbers:

- Over 395,000 U.S. jobs lost since NAFTA was put into effect as companies relocated to Mexico to take advantage of weaker labor standards.
- U.S trade surplus is now a trade deficit.
- Over 1,000,000 more Mexicans work for less than the Mexican minimum wage of .$3.40/day than before NAFTA. 8,000,000 formerly "middle-class" Mexicans now live in poverty. The number of unemployed workers doubled between mid-1993 and mid-1995, to nearly 1.7 million. Additionally, there were 2.7 million workers employed in precarious conditions in 1996. To make ends meet, many families were forced to send their children -- as many as 10 million -- to work, violating Mexico's own child labor law. An estimated 28,000 small businesses in Mexico have been destroyed by competition with huge foreign multinationals and their Mexican partners. Real hourly wages in 1996 were 27% lower than in 1994 and 37% below 1980 levels.
- The increase of maquiladora industries has created worsening environmental health threats. Every day, 44 tons of hazardous waste is disposed of improperly. Birth defects have increased dramatically. In the first year of NAFTA in one Texas border county, 15 babies were born without brains.
- The occurrence of some diseases, including hepatitis, is two to three times the national average in some heavily industrialized border towns.

The Vermont Mobilization for Global Justice (VTMGJ) has grown out of ongoing coalition work by many of the groups involved. VTMGJ views globalization in the context of imperialism, and works for radical alternatives while attempting to build broad popular support. In terms of the FTAA, a leading role was played by the Native Forest Network (NFN) and Action for Community and Ecology in the Regions of Central America (ACERCA), which protested at the Toronto meeting on the FTAA held in November, 1999. ACERCA has just released a Green Paper on this new plan to extend corporate rule; an FTAA action packet will follow soon. To date, the coalition also includes the Vermont Action Network (VAN), Native Forest Network (NFN), Institute for Social Ecology (ISE), UVM Student Political Awareness and Responsibility Coalition (SPARC), Toward Freedom (TF), International Socialist Organization (ISO), American Friends Service Committee - Vermont, Action for Community and Ecology in the Regions of Central America (ACERCA), Independent Media Convergence Project (IMCP), Old North End Rag, the instant antiwar action group, and Vermont Free Media Network. The following groups are currently considering endorsement: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) chapter, Vermont chapter - National Writers Union (NWU), Peace and Justice Coalition (PJC), and the Vermont Labor Party. The IMCP, which promotes indy media, is supported by the Media Channel, Project Censored, Alternative Radio, the Independent Press Association, Between the Lines radio, and Citizens for Independent Public Broadcasting. The current project reflects the commitment of these coalition members to creating a permanent movement for grassroots globalism and media democracy.

The Vermont Mobilization will set up a convergence center in early April somewhere in the Burlington area. As noted above, this center will serve as a resting spot, training and organizing center, and a place for cultural and other events related to the mobilization. The Mobilization will hold non-violence training sessions, provide housing contacts, food and communication support for actions on the U.S. side of the border, establish basic operating principles for the convergence space, and help orient visiting activists. Hopefully, thousands of folks will be able to pass through the various border stations into Quebec. The Vermont Mobilization plans to provide transportation to and from the border beginning on April 18, 2001. However, if police employ strategies put in place at other anti-globalization actions (which is quite likely) in the Czech Republic, Ontario, and Switzerland that are designed to prevent people from moving across borders, then there will be a series of protests on this side of the border. Either way, the voices of those opposed to corporate globalization will be heard. It's ironic, to say the least, that these trade meetings, which claim to be inclusive, are becoming more and more difficult to get to unless one is representing a multinational corporation or government. It is apparent from their actions that the designers of these trade agreements have no desire to make these treaties so that they will help anything other than the profit margins of the world's largest businesses.

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What exactly does the FTAA propose? In a nutshell, here are some of its fundamental elements:

- The total privatization of all social services, including energy, health care, postal services, education and even the flow of water. An example of the latter recently occurred in Bolivia where a U.S. company went into the country as part of an International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreement and privatized that county's water system, thereby making water unaffordable for the vast majority of its residents. Similar scenarios would occur if the postal service was privatized: the cost of postage would go through the roof, making it too expensive for many folks to mail a package. As for energy, one need only look at the rates charged by private utility companies around the U.S., especially in those states where deregulation has occurred, to see what further privatization of this service would mean.
- The creation of a system whereby corporations could sue national, state, county and municipal governments for the removal of standards or laws designed to protect the environment, public health, and labor conditions if those laws stood in the way of their "free" trade.
- Corporate control over the food supply will intensify. All countries will be forced to buy patented seeds from companies like Monsanto and unlabelled genetically-modified foods will become the norm, despite opposition by local NGOs and governments.
- FTAA would expand the current patent rules to the entire hemisphere, giving one company monopoly marketing rights to the entire hemisphere. This practice could eliminate the variation in medicine prices, raising them all the to the highest price. Seniors and others who depend on certain medicines to stay alive would find it even more difficult to purchase

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A CALL TO ACTION
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WE ARE GOING NORTH TO PROTEST THIS DEAL, WHETHER G.W. BUSH WANTS US THERE OR NOT. COME WITH US. THIS DEAL WILL EFFECT YOU YOUR FAMILY, YOUR COMMUNITY. YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO SPEAK OUT.

(HOME, continued)

and overall treatment and repression of the homeless community.

Attica provided 800 beds in a one-month period of time alone, a number that reflects the need for alternative shelter in the greater Olympia community. That need relates both to a gap in the number of homeless who need shelter, compared to the number of beds available in the current provider network, as well as accessibility problems with the current Emergency Shelter Network (ESN).

Members of the homeless community are being denied services by way of restrictive, often punitive, criteria set by the ESN, in large part facilitated by Salvation Army. There are serious issues the homeless have concerning the way they are treated by some of the providers and the network's processing system. There are a number of homeless in need of shelter who simply will not subject themselves to the Emergency Shelter Network because they experience oppressive treatment. The homeless have no choice in where they are placed, and they have no options if they are refused shelter by the network.

Complaints about the Emergency Shelter Network have been consistent over the years. A couple tells the story of being separated when they need one another to sleep at night, when each other is all they have...A man with a wheelchair is rejected by Salvation Army because they don't "Do wheelchairs"...A young man who once attempted suicide is put on the "Denial-List", rejected by Salvation Army because "he is a danger to himself"...Salvation Army demands the agency manage 85% their client's income 'for' them...Salvation Army has required the disabled who are receiving General Assistance (GA) with pending SSI grants, to work for wages, when such wages would cause a denial of disability benefits; there is no room to substitute volunteer hours to meet Sally's criteria and not meeting that requirement puts one at risk of being placed on Salvation Army's denial-list...Two homeless women who do not get along are told they must sit in the same van and sleep in the same place, one refuses and ops for no shelter at all...If it is 32 degrees or below Salvation Army might give a man shelter if he has alcohol on his breath, but if it is 33 or 36 degrees they will not...An African-American man refuses services with Salvation Army because he wants to be treated as an "adult man"... These are just some of the stories you will hear in talking with the homeless members of the community, stories we do not hear when Salvation Army is defending their 'good name' in the pages of *The Olympian*.

Billy Totten, a member of HOME, suspects that the city's motivation to shut down Attica had to do more with shutting down the organizing potential the shelter provided to the homeless, "Attica gave a means for homeless to bond, to organize."

There is a burning suspicion among some members of HOME that Cold & Hungry's long range goal of opening a permanent alternative shelter in the Olympia area -- while documenting the need by counting beds provided at the make-do Attica -- presented a potential competitive funding nightmare (CFN) for Salvation Army, a major provider and funding recipient within the Emergency Shelter Network. Such a CFN dynamic might explain why shelter needs have never been adequately addressed by the Homeless Task Force. The Homeless Task Force is supposed to identify the shelter needs and gaps that exist in the community, and take the necessary lead to ensure those needs are met.

Acknowledging the number of homeless who fall through the cracks in the greater Olympia community has been an issue of debate, denial and direct action for years. In 1994 the (now defunct) Sustainable Community Homeless Empowerment Movement (SCHEMe) sought to secure the Federal Building under the McKinney Act to help meet some of those needs. The McKinney act is a federal law that promised abandoned federally owned buildings to those populations with "out", including the homeless and Native American communities. Where that war led to the development of much needed transitional housing in community, through development of the Fleetwood Building by the Low Income Housing Institute, emergency shelter gaps have yet to be addressed.

There seems to be as much denial concerning the fact that the homeless have nowhere to sleep at night as there was in 1994; nothing has changed, yet the need for a permanent alternative shelter will not go away and must be met. According to the EHN, and city officials, the homeless individuals we saw piling into Driver Dave's cargo van for transport to Attica -- must have just been ghosts, not real at all.

It is the current shelter and low-income housing providers that make up the Homeless Task Force, along with representatives of the city and county governments, and police. Some of the providers present themselves as "friends" of the homeless, while others are clearly not.

After shutting down Attica, the Emergency Shelter Network was left scrambling to serve those they had not been serving, those that to a large degree they were used to claiming didn't exist. "Long Hair" David of HOME, volunteered many hours in staffing Attica and dealt with the crisis when Attica was shut down.

The family was broken up and shoved into all kinds of different holes. Salvation Army was full. The 32-degree cold weather policy was enacted, which relaxes *some* of the criteria regarding who could get into the shelter network. Salvation Army picked up some of those formerly served by the Cold & Hungry shelter to transport to a temporary overflow shelter -- leaving them sitting in a van outside of Salvation Army in the cold for 45 minutes. By the time the van took off there were only 3 people left in it to go, the rest headed out to the streets, tunnels, bridges and the woods. Some people refused to go to the county courthouse, where the overflow shelter was housed that day, because of bad experiences with courthouses and jails. The facility sets next to the county jail.

Two women who had refuge at Attica didn't know where to find safe shelter in the chaos. They decided to stay at a house offered by a man they didn't know well. One of the women was raped.

With Attica's doors shut, the second night of fallout led to the arrest of a homeless veteran, who was seeking shelter from Olympia's Emergency Shelter Network. The man, who we'll call "Love", was waiting patiently at Bread & Roses drop-in center, on the premise of a safe bed, when police showed up with handcuffs instead. The story goes that an Emergency Shelter Network worker with Salvation Army was hoping to get out of opening the overflow shelter, and asked an officer if Love could sleep in the police lobby instead. The police thought they would run his name through the system before agreeing, where they found he had failed to make an appointment with his parole officer.

As I write this, Love is still sitting in Thurston County Jail. Where those with homes and identical non-compliance warrants were set free on their own personal recognizance through a preliminary hearing process on February 14th (Valentine's Day), Thurston County Superior Court Judge Daniel J. Berschauer issued a harsher judgment for Love, stating "I'm not going to let him out. He's a TRANSIENT", the word "transient" carrying a venomous tone if I ever did hear one.

In affect, Berschauer issued an additional 7 days of jail time for Love even though it was ensured to the court that Love would receive housing and specific supportive services up through his arraignment date. Although Love has been a member of the Olympia community for some time, Berschauer was not able to set aside the label of "transient" from his ruling – a prejudice that interfered with the fair and equal treatment of Love, explicitly for the reason of Love's homeless status. It is apparent that Judge Berschauer was not able to distinguish civil rights from capitalist privilege in Love's case.

Homeless and advocates cried "shame" to the Olympia City Council immediately following the shutdown of Cold & Hungry's shelter. Laura Ware appeared the sole council member with any human integrity during February 13th's council meeting. Stating she was misled on the city's intentions with the shelter, Ware inspired the city to make amends by inviting C&H to manage the overflow shelter, scheduled for two weeks at City Hall. Ware also inspired the city to use Cold & Hungry criteria in determining who was let in. That criteria was simply defined - if you needed a place to stay, you were in.

However, the Emergency Housing Network revoked that agreement three days later, essentially saying it was fine if Cold & Hungry staffed the shelter (donated their non-paid volunteer hours to EHN), but they would have to abide by the more restrictive criteria and guidelines used always by EHN. Billy Totten, HOME member sums it up, "They are putting the homeless back in the system that didn't work to begin with", a system in which "people were falling through the cracks left and right. It's not right to have homeless people stuck out on the street at 3 o'clock in the morning just because the system doesn't work".

There are so many problems with accessibility that one has to wonder if EHN policies are put in place deliberately to ensure a repressive structure - as demanded by a whole society that functions by way of inequality, where those who have are able to profit from the suffering of those who have not...and 'let's damn well ensure we keep a clear line between who is who so the "haves" will be "haves" tomorrow'. In order to stop the usury and pain, in order for the ESN system to ever function in a way that is truly helpful to the homeless, then the problems with accessibility need to be defined honestly and new policies and structures need to be put into place – and this cannot happen without absolute inclusion of the homeless themselves.

HOME is born:

The meeting begins with the singing of what I believe to be an old Wobbly tune. It's late, Saturday, February 17th. Tea and coffee are brewed. Someone finds a tape of Woody Guthrie songs, songs Woody sang to his children. The group is comforted and hopeful.

HOME members sit gathered in a loose circle. They talk of the compromises that were made since Attica was taken, that should not have been made. The compromises do not serve their needs. They talk of problems with providers who work to ease the oppression of homelessness, while oppressing those they serve through structures, policies, and language that draws a thick distinctive line between the helper and the homeless.

They think of homeless men who died this winter. One who they knew, Larry Butigan, died alone in the woods. A HOME member begins to explain, and another finishes the thought for him: "(Larry) died because he didn't have a place to stay and he didn't have a community... someone to care for him." Less than two weeks ago those gathered in this circle marched through the streets of Olympia with an empty white casket in memory of Larry and others who have fallen. Candles were burned and prayers were cast, words spoken that reflect a community's dedication to the work that will ensure *no one* will die alone -- homeless -- in our community again.

We stand outside and whisper, in a huddle, many smoking tobacco. We agree to work by consensus. We make our first decision by consensus to do just that. The group is cold and they go back inside, quietly, trying not to wake the neighbors. They work together now, writing a manifesto they can all agree on. There is not much disagreement on what needs to be said, although everyone is passionate and wants to have a say saying it. Sometime after 3 AM on Sunday, February 18th, the printer begins spitting out HOME's agenda (see sidebar). ◆

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medicines they need.

Workers, students, environmentalists, and a myriad of others from throughout the hemisphere oppose this treaty. The only folks it is guaranteed to help are those who already have a monetary advantage over the rest of us. It is these same people who are forcing this agreement through, just as they forced NAFTA on us. As the 1999 protests in Seattle against the WTO showed, however, these agreements can be stopped if all of those opposed to them work together in their workplaces, schools, and in the streets.

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Shedding light on the relationship between family planning and environmental issues

Olympia Planned Parenthood Teen Council

Tim Ossa Macloud

ENSEÑA...teach AYUDA... help
ESCUCHA... listen APRENDE...learn

Durante el verano y la primavera del ano 2001, dos grupos de cinco adolecentes emprenderan un viaje de coperacion. Cruzaran mas de 3000 millas, enfrentaran barreras de lenguaje, y el reto de educar a sus companeros. Estos adolecentes se reuniran para compartir un objetivo comun.

During the winter and spring of the year 2001, two groups of teenagers will embark on a great journey of cooperation. Crossingover 3000 miles, a language barrier, and the challenge of educating their peers, these teens will come together to share a common goal.

Who are these youth, and what is the work that they do?

Right here in our home town, the Olympia Planned Parenthood Teen Council is a panel of student volunteers who provide peer education to middle and senior high school classrooms, as well as participate in family programs and parent workshops. Members come from various local high schools and represent a broad cross-section of backgrounds, each person bringing to the group different beliefs and points of view. Under the guidance of educators at Planned Parenthood, council members participate in extensive training to learn prevention strategies and skills on a variety of adolescent health, sexuality, and gender issues.

The group in Quito, Ecuador works through a program of the C.O.F. "Obstetric Family Center" which was created in May of 1991. Its mission is to fulfill the need for an exclusive and holistic center for people below the age of 22. The work of the youth program is to promote and orient young people to create familiar, personal, and social development. It's main objective is to provide family planning services to the Ecuadorian community, particularly to the residents of Quito. This center also includes the following services: general medicine, child and maternity care, clinic and hormonal laboratory services, dental services, and reproductive surgery. These services are provided to the public at low cost with quality and sensitivity.

The Exchange

These two groups of teens, travelling from different hemispheres to reach Quito and Olympia, will spend two weeks learning and sharing with each respective program. The exchange has been made possible by an International Family Planning organization called "Global Partners", which arranges partnerships between family planning organizations worldwide. The partners share expertise and experience—learning from each other to improve and expand services and programs. By trading skills and knowledge, these groups ultimately strengthen the work they do.

Why is this an environmental issue? How is family planning related?

More than 6 billion individuals now live on this earth. The world's one billion youth are just now entering their reproductive years, with another two billion to follow in future generations. This many people on one small planet increases stress on living conditions, available resources, and puts a strain on the natural world. Clearly, slower population growth can help alleviate pressures on the environment. Access to fresh water, the conservation of forests, and the preservation of species-rich habitats can all benefit from slower population growth. For example, the latest water data and population projections indicate that between 2.4 billion and 3.2 billion people may live in either water scarce or water-stressed conditions by 2025.

Environmental groups like the Audubon Society support this work and have engaged in public education and research on family planning issues for over thirty years. Additionally, there are humanitarian reasons to support family planning. Consider that every minute of every day, a woman dies from pregnancy related causes. Teen pregnancies, complications from childbirth, lack of medical care, and malnourishment all contribute to the death toll. Family planning can provide voluntary contraception, pre- and post-natal health care, improved medical facilities and sex education, allowing men and women to plan and space their children and prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

The very first action of our newly elected president was to reinstate the "Global Gag Rule", which will severely limit family planning services worldwide. This is truly an unfortunate step—backward.

International Family Planning affects us all, and The United States has simply not done its share of work on these issues. To compound this problem, the very first action of our newly elected president was to reinstate the "Global Gag Rule", which will severely limit family planning services worldwide. This is truly an unfortunate step—backward.

On the bright side, this exchange is raising awareness and sparking a long overdue conversation between environmentalists and family planning advocates. As for the teens—both groups have a sound commitment to helping their peers. During this exchange they hope to learn different approaches to education and include discussion about many health topics; such as the prevention of AIDS and cultural perspectives on contraception. It is a rare opportunity, and they hope to establish a strong partnership for many years to come.

These teens are creating the bridge. They are creating a partnership, and they are making a difference.

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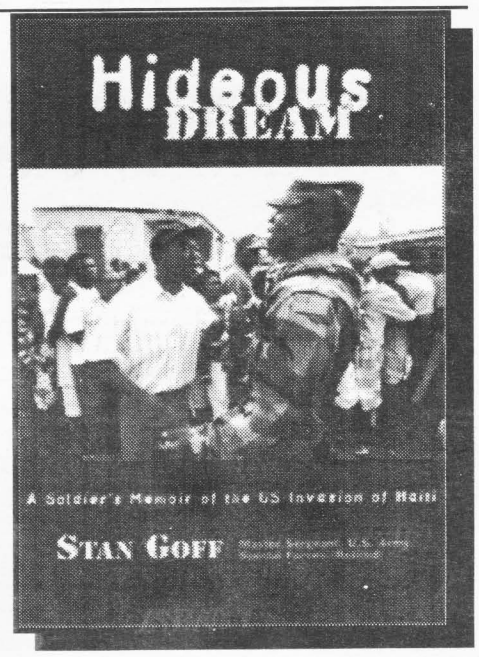
Book Review

Hideous Dream:

A Soldiers Memoir of the U.S. Invasion of Haiti



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In 1994 the U.S. invaded Haiti in what was touted as operation "Restore Democracy." The popular president of Haiti, Jean Bertrund Aristide, had been ousted in a military coup in 1991, and now the U.S. had come to the rescue to set things right. Or had it?

In his recently released book *Hideous Dream*, retired special forces master sergeant Stan Goff gives us a rare insider perspective into the details of a U.S. military intervention that, in classic Orwellian fashion, acted to protect the CIA backed paramilitary death squads and U.S. corporate interests rather than restore Haitian Democracy.

But *Hideous Dream* is more than a damning expose on racist military culture and the horrors of U.S. foreign policy. It is also a hard-hitting personal chronicle of Goff's evolving social and political consciousness, and the courageous action he took as a result. This lead to his arrest on December 10th, 1994, and removal from Haiti.

Before being placed in charge of a Special Forces team responsible for securing U.S. control over the Fort Liberte region in northeast Haiti, Goff had served a distinguished career in elite Ranger, Airborne and Special Forces counter-terrorist units. He had been sent to Vietnam, Guatemala, El Salvador, Grenada, Panama, Venezuela, Honduras, South Korea, Columbia, Peru, and Somalia. Having been steeped in the hypocrisy and contradictions of U.S. foreign policy for years, Goff, a self-described socialist, was holding out for retirement and the financial security it would provide for him and his family.

Goff was a lone soldier on a hell-bent mission for justice, and he accomplished quite a bit before command figured out what he was doing and arrested him.

When the Haiti mission came up, Goff saw it, naively he freely admits, as an opportunity to "make amends." For once, he hoped, he might actually do something good. This passionate intent to "genuinely help Haiti" put him on a collision course with the Haitian Army, the FRAPH (death squad network), the U.S. government, and, in the end, his own team.

Goff was a lone soldier on a hell-bent mission for justice, and he accomplished quite a bit before command figured out what he was doing and arrested him. In the region of Haiti he was responsible for, he firmly and publicly neutralized the Haitian Army, searched out and arrested all the FRAPH he could get a hold of (all were later released by the U.S.), and established a very positive and supportive relationship with the local population and Lavalas (Haitian Democracy Movement) leadership.

Hideous Dream not only provides many insights into the inner workings of the U.S. military and foreign policy apparatus, but it is a great story. Goff fills the pages full of vivid, often humorous detail of his fellow soldiers, commanding officers, and sometimes-ridiculous military protocol (like the insistence on wearing sleeves down in the sweltering Caribbean heat.) His descriptions of Haitian society, from the children he befriends to the large jubilant crowds and protests, are warm and fascinating, often combined with Goff's self-conscious desire to see Haitians as fully human, and his ever-present quest to confront American racism. ◆

Aristide Begins Second Term as Haiti's President

by Jeff Sowers

On February 7, 2001, Jean Bertrand Aristide was sworn in as Haiti's new president, replacing outgoing president Rene Preval. Thousands took to the streets in a massive outpouring of popular support for Aristide, who won 92% of the vote. The Lavalas Family, Aristide's party, also controls a majority of both houses of the Haitian legislature.

Aristide was Haiti's president from 1991-96, but spent most of those years in exile following a military coup in September, 1991. Under Haiti's constitution, a person is not allowed to serve two consecutive terms as president.

While Haitian's celebrate Aristide's victory, storm clouds are gathering on the horizon, as the U.S. and it allies are not happy with the situation. Despite years of low-intensity warfare, covert action, and political manipulation, U.S. policy has failed to pull the rug out from under Haiti's revolutionary democracy and social justice movement.

The latest tactic has been to back a coalition of tiny opposition parties, known as the Convergence, in forming a "shadow government." While the overwhelming majority of Haitians scoff at the notion that Convergence has even a shred of legitimacy in the county, people are forced to take the group seriously given its support by domestic and international elites. The U.S. appears to be backing and preparing the group to possibly take power in the wake of another coup.

Aristide's strategy for dealing with Convergence has been to be as conciliatory as possible, apparently hoping to convince them and their international patrons that it is better to accommodate and negotiate differences, rather than resort to force and violence. For now, Aristide's overwhelming support, and the elite's fear that this popular support may turn to massive upheaval and vengeance against those supporting another coup, appears to be his and Haiti's best security.

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Briefs, cont.

agement that she is just a "guest", there by the grace of the coup-sters. Her ultimate firing is the probable outcome.

What has KAOS said or done about this crisis? Not much, really. They did decide upon airing an alternative to the Pacifica News,at least. The weird thing is that they decided to do it just before a pledge-drive, in a manner quite similar to last year's decision to air "Free Speech Radio News". This contrasts unfavorably with Portland's KBOO, who dropped Pacifica News last October. KBOO has consistently led the way nationally in promoting free discussion of the crisis in Pacifica and Community Radio, both on-air and off. They made a point of letting listeners know that a big problem exists and that something could be done about it, ON A DAILY BASIS. Most importantly, they have always solicited listener input, and taken concrete actions to stand up for independent and principled community radio. KAOS has consistently led up the rear of the pack, in these matters.

Do not mistake my position. The airing of an alternative to Pacifica National News on KAOS-air IS very important. Unfortunately, it seems to reflect on the good work of KAOS-listeners WAY more than KAOS-Management. It is only after we spoke up, forcefully and repeatedly, that anything progressive happened at all.

Nevertheless, it does not appear that KAOS Management has abandoned its previous commitment to mainstreaming and corporatizing OUR community radio. Many people have heard the "Frog in the Beaker" Story. It says that a frog put in a beaker of boiling water will quickly jump out, thus saving its life. On the other hand, if you put a frog into cold water and SLOWLY raise the heat, it will not recognize the danger till it is too late to get out, and the frog then dies.

This describes the state of KAOS "Community Radio" (and Pacifica) today! Remember that the infamous KAOS report of last summer said that the Community preferred a schedule that featured canned shows from NPR & PRI from 6 to 6- syndicated shows like: "Afro-Pop USA", "Talk of the Nation", and "The BBC World News". It doesn't seem to matter that these shows are already available locally, we were still told that this is what we wanted. The malevolent implications of this corporate marketing-style "report", which got me banned for life from KAOS, have still not been acknowledged by KAOS. Neither have the web of hidden links between KAOS Management and Lynn Chadwick's little Junta at Pacifica. Instead, we get a KAOS that has been slowly changing for years, so slowly that listeners may or may not notice.

The "Healthy Station Project" agenda of Lynn and her pals at the National Federation of Community Broadcasters, forcefully advanced around the country for the last ten years, is very much alive at KAOS, and beyond. The "Christmas Coup" at WBAI, the banishments of principled long-time programmers, and the ongoing threats to Amy Goodman, prove that this is so. At KAOS we can see that these things come in on little cat's feet, so slowly as to be almost imperceptible. Since last summer, I have heard many horribly corporate-friendly PSA's from the US Advertising Council. Among the sponsors are: the US Drug Czar's Office, the National Beer Wholesalers' Association (who lovingly tie beer to the western expansion of "Manifest Destiny"!), population-control institutes with horrible racist histories etc. etc. Not a huge change, but turn up the heat just a notch...

Need I mention that these "ads" are now mandated to run on most every show, just like commercial radio? Of course, that is not to mention the mandated breaks for Weather, Community Billboard, and the Entertainment Calendar, which provide regular 20-minute breaks throughout the day, just like "real" radio. When I worked at KAOS in the 80's, none of that was mandated like now.

The heat goes up again.

Add to this the slow proliferation of bad canned shows, the active recruitment of personnel with no commitment to alternative media, the gradual removal of "difficult" volunteers etc. etc, and you've got a pattern!

Do you think the frog noticed?

Most distressing of all is the incorporation of "liberals" into a patronage-system that is defined by centralized management power. This would appear to be directly connected to a dynamic that leads to, at worst, the creation of company spies and union-busters, as well as controlled and silenced volunteers.

The dissolution of Community Radio is leveraged from without, but implemented from within. The folks who control the purse-strings at the Corporation

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Learn Nonviolent Communication Skills

Marshall Rosenberg, PhD will be coming to the Northwest. He will be presenting an introduction to Nonviolent Communication in Olympia on March 14 (specifics listed below) and he will be in Seattle March 15-18. Planning is being done for an evening introductory session and a two day weekend advanced training, for more information check www.psncc.org or call Liv Monroe at 360-357-4503.

Dr. Marshall B. Rosenberg, founder and director of educational services for the international and non-profit Center for Nonviolent Communication, has taught these empowering skills for over 35 years. He travels worldwide in response to communities that request his peacemaking skills, and has provided mediation and training in over two dozen countries, including war-tor Rwanda, Bosnia, Croatia, Palestine, Sierra Leone and Northern Ireland.

Nonviolent Communication (NVC) training evolved from Dr. Rosenberg's quest to find a way of rapidly disseminating much needed peacemaking skills. NVC is an approach to communication emphasizing compassion as the motivation for action rather than fear, guilt, shame, blame, coercion, threat or justification for punishment. In other words, it is about getting what you want for reasons you will not regret later. These techniques allow you to make conscious choices about how you will respond whether you get what you want or not. It is definitely NOT about guilt and tricking people into giving you what you want. These skills emphasize personal responsibility for our actions and the choices we make when we respond to others.

The purpose of NVC is to strengthen our ability to inspire compassion from others and to respond compassionately to others and to ourselves. NVC guides us to reframe how we express ourselves and hear others by focusing our consciousness on what concrete actions we observe without evaluation; how we feel in relation to what we observe; which needs, values, and desires create our feelings; and what concrete actions we request in order to enrich our lives and the lives of others. Compare the following two statements: "You are such a slob, just look at your junk all over the couch, the floor, the house. When will you learn to clean up after yourself." The NVC way of speaking could sound like this, "When I see your papers on the couch and clothes on the floor, I feel frustrated because I need order and space to sit comfortably, would you be willing to put your papers and clothes away today."

Founded on language and communication skills that enable us to remain human, even under trying conditions, NVC contains nothing new: all that has been integrated into NVC has been know for centuries. The intent is to remind us about what we already know-about how we humans were meant to relate to one another, and to assist us in living in a way that concretely manifests this knowledge. NVC is about communicating to connect.

Would you rather be right or happy?

Would you rather connect with others or correct them?

The language we use affects how we think, which in turn affects how we feel and act. Dr. Marshall Rosenberg (international mediator, author, and educator) teaches a simple communication model with potential for changing how others hear and respond to you, changing the way you view others and yourself, and changing the world.

Nonviolent Communication, A Language of Compassion

If you would like to learn about this possibility for peace in your personal world and the larger world, please join

Dr. Marshall B. Rosenberg

Wednesday, March 14, 7 - 9:30 pm

North Thurston High School Auditorium (600 Sleater-Kinney Road NE)

Sponsored by Olympia High School Parent Connection, the Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County, Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation, and others. Donations appreciated and no one turned away because they prefer to not pay. For more information call Liv Monroe at 360-357-4503 or e-mail liv@olywa.net

Support Western Shoshone Sovereignty and Stewardship:

We are asking for your support for the 2001 Mother's Day Gathering that will take place May 11th - 14th at the Nevada Test Site. This year's Mother's Day Gathering will "Celebrate Life & Sovereignty" as we unite and organize to stop nuclear contamination. The Nuclear Industry continues to poison all life on this planet, and continues to site its waste and processing facilities near people of color and impoverished communities. By uniting ourselves together we aim to stop this blatant environmental injustice.

All over the world there are people dying from radiation contamination that is a direct result from business' and government's' disregard for our safety and lives. People need to come together to discuss and take action against these atrocities.

The purpose of this gathering is to:

- **Support Environmental Justice on Western Shoshone Lands**
- **Support, Host, & Welcome WSNC Spirit Run/Walk that will circle the test site**
- **Protect Sacred Yucca Mountain from becoming a nuclear waste dump**
- **Occupy & Pray for the land**
- **Learn from Speakers & Trainers; Participate in Organizing Workshops**
- **Take Action to STOP Nuclear Testing, Weapons, Waste, & Power**

Some things you can do now:

- **Publicize this event in your literature or local calendars.**
- **Organize a carload, van load, or busload to come and participate.**
- **If you can't come, organize a solidarity event.**
- **Make banners to bring or send.**
- **Link your website to www.shundahai.org**
- **We are especially looking for active co-sponsors and financial supporters to co-host this year's gathering alongside the Western Shoshone National Council, Shundahai Network, Seeds of Peace, Nevada Desert Experience, and PooHaBah.**

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We are glad to announce that the Western Shoshone National Council will be conducting it's 2nd Annual Spirit Run/Walk to the Mother's Day Gathering. The walk will begin in Warm Springs, NV on May 7th and will circle the Test Site. Johnnie L. Bobb is the main organizer of this walk. If you would like to lend your support to this important event, you can contact Johnnie Bobb directly:

HC 61 BOX 6250,
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Be prepared for desert camping, hot days and cool nights. Bring plenty of drinking water, snacks and friends. Meals and local potable water will be provided, donations gladly accepted to help cover costs.

Update, Briefs, Events, Etc.

for Public Broadcasting are exercising great power over the future of Community Radio. Be they veterans of propaganda operations like Radio Free Europe and the U.S. Information Agency, or insiders with Monsanto and other multi-national corporations, these individuals only wield such great power because we let them. If we are to effectively repel their attack, we must acknowledge the differences between those of us who depend on Community Radio for Money, Power, and Job-Security, and those of us who do not.

Given that that Evergreen students and KAOS-subscribers pay for most of the expenses at KAOS, we have every right to insist that Management does include "the Community" more, in decision-making and beyond.

The much-vaunted KAOS format, that values predictability at the expense of creativity, that excludes radical voices and limits experimentation, is NOT the People's Choice.

"The People" may not want NPR-Lite on KAOS, but some very powerful people do. If this is really OUR Community Radio, we will have to make the powers-that-be respect that fact...

Sincerely,
Austin Kelley

Weekly Vigils

Wednesday Noon-hour Peace Vigil
Sylvester Park (corner of Legion & Capitol Way)

Join us in the middle of town in the middle of the week for a simple, friendly witness for peace and nonviolence! We have maintained this vigil for more that 20 years. We provide signs or you may bring your own. Info: (360) 491-9093. Sponsored by Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Friday Afternoon Vigil to Lift the Economic Sanctions Against Iraq
4:30pm - 5:30pm on W. 4th Ave
(near the fountain, south of Percival Landing)

Economic sanctions kill 5,000 Iraqi children every month and violate international law. Grassroots people can lift up this issue and pressure the U.S. government to stop this violent injustice! We provide signs or you may bring your own. Info: (360) 491-9093.

Monthly Video Gathering

Come join us for videos and conversation the THIRD TUESDAY of every month, 7pm at TRADITIONS FAIR TRADE downtown Olympia. We watch a variety of progressive programs and well made documentaries made by people wanting to get their message out.

For more info call: Diane at 866-8444 or Marie 456-6984. Sponsored by Fellowship of Reconcilliation and Media Island.

Welfare Rights Organizing

WROC's planning and organizing meetings take place the first Monday of each month from 5:30pm until 8pm at First United Methodist Church, 5th and Boundary, downtown. WROC's support and information meeting is the third Tuesday of the month at Evergreen Vista Apartments, on the West Side of Olympia. Dinner and free childcare are provided at all meetings, and people can call 352-9716 for more info.

Come and take part in debunking the myth that Welfare Reform is a success! "Keys to Success" Action on International Women's Day on March 8th. Keys: Education, Training, Child Care and Health Care. Signs, singing, chanting, spoken word, and theatre can all be a part of this action. Let your voice be heard!

PFLAG's Meeting

Valentine's Day Celebration
Sunday, Mar. th at 2pm
United Methodist Church

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is here to promote the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. Call 866-0511 for info.

Right To Know Campaign

- Much of the food on our supermarket shelves has been genetically engineered
- Europe has banned the sale of genetically engineered (GE) foods
- In the USA, no GE food products are labeled as such

You can do something about it!

Join the "Mothers and Fathers for Safe Foods" to organize the fight to have all GE food products labeled. Help plan a state initiative to require mandatory labeling of GE foods. Contact Michael at (360) 413-6961, <goldenspirit1@earthlink.net> or <www.safefood.org>.

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The Olympia Free School

A Community Education Network

Community based education: Where everyone is a teacher and student

Who We Are: The Free School is what you make it. It is a networking tool for community organizations and individuals, open to anybody who wants to learn and share knowledge in a free and open environment. If you're looking to explore a topic with others, share skills, or teach others, then Free School is for you.

Meetings: every Thurs 7pm 816 Adams -- Media Island (behind the Olympia Timberland Library)
Contact: freeschool@disinfo.net or 866-8511,
Calenders available:
www.olynetwork.org/freeschool
In *Works In Progress and* at Kundalingi, Orca, Traditions, Media Island, Radio Ranch

March Free School Calendar

Know of an event or workshop for April? Call 866-8511 or send an email to freeschool@disinfo.net (* indicates previous listing for time place or contact)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 **Free School Meetings** 7pm 816 Adams **ESL** 6:30-8:30 Radio Ranch	2 **Page Turners:** *Corelli's Mandolin* 10-12 Timberland Library	3 **Home Milling Primer** 3427 Overhulse 866 4496
4 **Poetry Reading** 4pm call ashi 867-9858 **IWW meeting** 5pmBread&Roses	5 **Worker Issues** 8pm Bread&Roses **Fundraising 101** 704 3052 **Tales for Tots**(2+) Oly Lib 7-7:20	6 **ESL** 6:30-8:30 Radio Ranch **Tango** 630 South Bay/Sleater Kinney **Storytelling**: Oly World News 6pm	7 **Parents Helping Parents** 6:30pm Family support Centr **Alternative Teaching Methods** 7-9pm 816 Adams	8 **ESL** * **Free School Chess** at Oly Library (young adults) 6:30-8:30	9 **Knitting circle** 7pm TESC housing room 304 building C (866 8511)	10 **Book Binding** 3:30pm Media Island 816 Adams All Ages!
11 **Radical Women's discussion** 2pm eliza 352-2401 **Moonlighting Investment** 2:30-4:30 Oly Lib **Poetry Reading*** **IWW meeting***	12 **Worker Issues*** **Fundraising 101***	13 **ESL** * **Tango*** **Storytelling** *	14 **Night-time adventuring** 10pm by bike. Value Village **Parents Help Parents***	15 **Free School Meetings** * **ESL** * **Chess***	16 **Celebrate St. Patrick's Day** 10:30-4:30 (ages 3+) Timberland Library	17 **Bike repair** 1-2 pm; TESC Bike shop **Japenese Poetry** study 1-5 Oly Lib **Learn how to Draft Design Plans** 3427 Overhulse
18 **Poetry Reading*** **IWW meeting***	19 **Worker Issues*** **Fundraising 101*** **Tales for Tots** *	20 **ESL** * **Tango** * **Discussion of *Ghost of Fossil Glen*** (age 9-12) Timberland Lib **Storytelling** *	21 **Parents Helping Parents** *	22 **Free School Meetings** * **ESL** * **Chess** *	23	24 **Straw Bale Construction** Location TBA: Craig 867 9477
25 **Poetry Reading** * **IWW meeting** *	26 **Worker Issues*** **Fundraising 101** *	27 **Survey of Astronomy** 7pm 943-9509 **ESL** * Tango * **Storytelling** *	28 **Parents Helping Parents*** **Folk tales of Women** 7-8pm (age 8-12) Timberland Lib	29 **Free School Meetings** * **ESL** * **Chess** *	30 **Celebrate April Fools** 10:30-4:30 (ages 3+) Oly Library	31

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-DIY ed. by scavenging cheap books...David 534 9278
-Portuguese...Ethan 3579924/ eirogol@hotmail.com
-Bike maintenance...Kevin 352-7250
-Wood/metal working...Cailean Tomokato kun@yahoo.com
-Community biodiesel collective...Jim 866-4808
-Phonewiring/telecommunications...Andrew 943-7149
-Native plant identification...Andrew 943-7149
-Electronics...Brian lindbloom65@yahoo.com

Arts and Performance

-Playback theater for Latino women @ radio ranch 709-0931
-Ocarina (clay flute)-making...David 357-3622
-Ceramics for people under 12 yrs...Georgia 867 9477
-Writing group ...Will 704 7693
-Circus...Ashi 867-0416
-Oragami...Rus rdnelson42@hotmail.com
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-Labor history...olywobs@hotmail.com
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And Other Things..

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-Ghetto gourmet...Russ rdnelson42@hotmail.com
-Soymilk and tofu-making: Ethan 357-9924
-Goddess spirituality for children...Diana 753-9664 or Anastasia 754-8287
-Radical Woman's discussion group...Natalie 704-5358

Looking for a Group to Explore:

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-Film making...Si 956-3409 and Justin 704-5358
-Writing group...Georgia 867 9477
-Life drawing...Amanda 753-3004
-Knitting/discussion group...Carol 427-4418
-Massage...Amanda 704-3052
-Finding Community Art Space...Lisa, glowcat@juno.com
-Emily Dickinson's poetry...Pam 754-5396

Skills

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-Audio editing...Leon 570-0039
-Using copiers and doing layout...Adele 866-8511
-Beginning Spanish...Georgia 867 9477
-Beginning/intermediate French...Lynn 867-1181
-Japanese: Kacie 413-920
-Pirate Broadcasting: Kevin 352-7250

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-Permaculture...Jim and Raisa 866-4808
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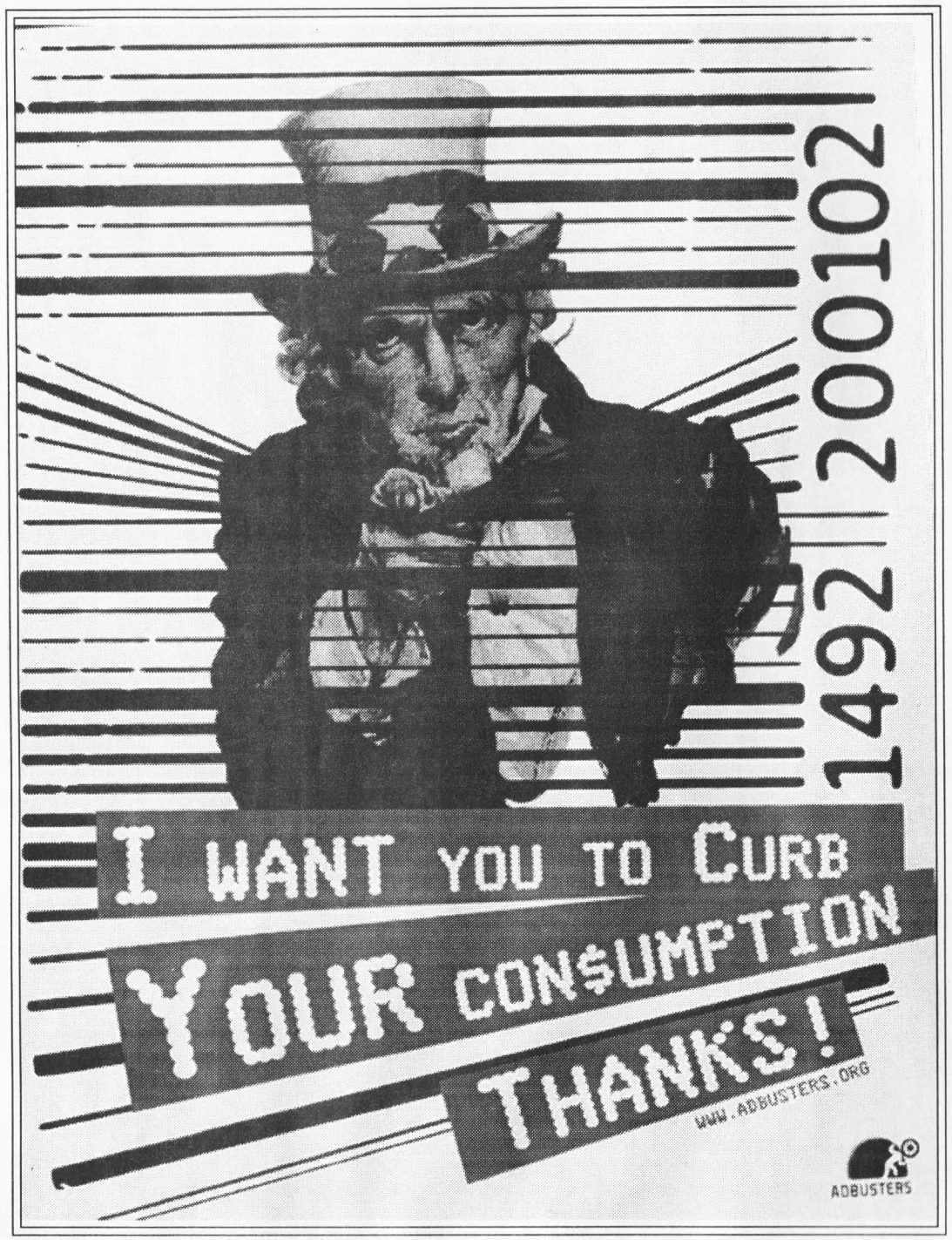

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